



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **SUPERVISORS QUESTION ABELE'S DECISION TO CUT PARAMEDIC FUNDING**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Two County Supervisors are responding to County Executive Chris Abele's public comments that he plans to end funding for Milwaukee County's paramedics partnership with municipalities:

### **Supervisor Mark A. Borkowski:**

"What planet is this man on? It's unconscionable that – just one day after we marked the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and honored first responders – the County Executive made public his plans to end municipal funding for Paramedics. It's frustrating that this County Executive does not understand the needs of his constituents. He appears to be clueless and out of touch.

"Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has been Milwaukee County's baby since its inception in the 1970s. Our program was one of the first in the United States and is a nationally respected model for providing this vital care. We will not simply sit on the sidelines and allow this vital service to be dismantled.

"Some of my constituents falsely claim that they don't get any value for their tax dollar. Well, our paramedics program has real value in life-and-death situations. EMS serves as an insurance policy for all citizens in Milwaukee County. When people call 9-1-1 and need help in life threatening situations, they know they will get the best care possible.

"We will mobilize residents, mayors, village presidents, police chiefs, paramedics and firefighters. We will shine the proper light on this County Executive's decisions.

### **Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr.:**

"Since 1973, the Milwaukee County EMS program has ensured a consistent, top-notch critical care across all of Milwaukee County. This has significantly improved the quality of care and response times. It's well run, and is one of the best services the County provides.

"The County Executive and others have advocated for the consolidation of services in Milwaukee County. The EMS program is a great example of a consolidated service that should not be scaled back. We are urging the County Executive to revisit his decision to jeopardize these communities. There's still time for him to change his mind."

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